

Remarks

This is a Response to the Official Action dated May 18, 2004.

Drawings

The Examiner objects to the Figures 1-12, 13A, 13B and 14 for not containing descriptive labels. The Applicant notes that for clarity the enclosed Figures 1-12, 13A, 13B and 14 have been amended by including descriptive labels. The Applicant further notes that in order to keep the drawings legible the legends "PP" and "SBC" were not added to all the boxes depicted in Figures 5-10, 12, 13A and 13B.

The Examiner further objects to the Figures 8, 9 and 10 for not including reference numbers mentioned in the description. The Applicant notes that for clarity reference numbers "85" and "170" are included in the enclosed Figure 8 and reference number "510" is included in the enclosed Figure 9. Although the Examiner requested that the reference number "170" be shown in the Figure 10 this is not possible due to the fact that the Figure 10 does not depict inputs labeled by the reference number "170". Instead, to clarify the drawing, changes were made in the specification as shown above.

Claims

The Examiner requests that phrase "claims 43" as recited in Claim 46 be amended to "claim 43." The Applicant notes that the phrase "in any of claims 43" as recited by Claim 46 was amended to "in claim 43."

The Applicant submits that the enclosed amendments place the application in a condition for allowance as was indicated by the Examiner on page 2 of the Official Action.

Conclusion

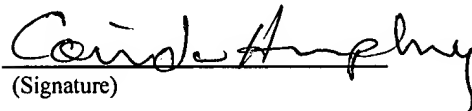
In view of the above, allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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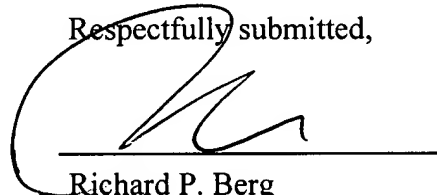
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